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AUST. CUP TO LAND IN SYDNEY

— By PAUL DEAN —

Sydney Hakoah appear to have a mortgage on the Australia Cup, following their effortless 3-0 win over their Melbourne sister club last Sunday.

Should they maintain their lead on the aggregate next Sunday, they will give Sydney its fourth Australia Cup win since 1962.

The return leg of the final will be played at Middle Park, Melbourne.

The Hakoah team will fly by Ansett-ANA on Saturday to the Victorian capital.

Over 40 supporters have booked to accompany their team which is now on the threshold of its most successful year ever.

The Australia Cup would give the Sydney club every honor they competed for in 1968.

Earlier this year they won the Ampol Cup, in-

terstate Ampol Cup, Sydney championship and Grand Final.

This is a colossal achievement for Doug Holden — in his maiden year as a coach.

Now, barring a sensational upturn, they can add the Australia Cup to their trophy room.

Melbourne Hakoah officials gloomily admit that their chances in the return match are very remote.

However, they still hope that an early goal may revitalise their team sufficiently to give the Sydney team a run for their money.

Full Australia Cup reports on pages 4 and 5.

Hungary wins stormy Olympic Final

— From LOU GAUTIER —

Mexico. — Hungary successfully defended her Olympic soccer title by defeating a spirited Bulgaria 4-1 (2-1) in the final at the Azteca Stadium.

Four years ago Hungary also won the Olympic crown at the Tokyo Olympics.

In the final Bulgaria scored first but before half time the Hungarians snapped back into a 2-1 lead.

That's when trouble started: in quick succession

the referee sent off three Bulgarian players for fouls and for dissenting.

In the second half the eight Bulgarians simply had no chance and the Hungarians, at half pace, added two goals to their tally.

Towards the end Hungary's Juhasz was also

ordered off the field.

Generally speaking the standard of the tournament was rather disappointing.

There is very serious talk now that soccer will be scrubbed from the program of all future Olympics.

One reason for this is that even some of the Eastern European countries, which always do well, begin to doubt the real value of such a tournament.

There is no more doubt that in soccer the World Cup represents the top and the Olympics takes a very humble backseat.

Just what the overall strength of the 16-strong field was can be measured by the fact that Japan could finish an easy third while Guatemala and the lilywhite French could make the quarter-finals.

FIFA boss Sir Stanley Rous, of course, would not commit himself on the subject in Mexico.

But many observers doubt that Sir Stanley would mind very much if in future soccer dropped out of the program.



Japan keeps Kamamoto

— From LOU GAUTIER —

Though he admitted after beating France that he was turning professional before Christmas, Kunishige Kamamoto now denies he was considering a change of status.

The Japanese forward told Sir Alf Ramsey, who had a long talk with him, that he had changed his mind because he was loath to live outside Japan.

What Kamamoto did not say, but what I discovered from a Japanese journalist, is that, as a result of his great Olympic performances, he has been offered a highly paid job with a large Tokyo department store.



TOP: Sydney Hakoah defenders Yaager and Marnoch keep a close eye on Melbourne forward Douglas in last week's Australia Cup final at Wentworth Park. — ABOVE: Flotta Lauro's Sydney manager Julian Hreglich presents Alan Marnoch with his prize as "Soccer Worlds" Player of 1968 — a cruise ticket to New Zealand. The presentation was made before the Australia Cup tie.

EIGHT 'CAPS' IN MUNCHEN

Sydney Prague are about to embark on a risky venture when they plan to stage a match against West Germany's 1860 Munchen club in the middle of December.

The Bavarians are almost certain to undertake a Far Eastern tour.

On December 10 and 12 they plan to play in Hong Kong, then fly to Sydney.

The 1860 Munchen team has eight full internationals.

Star of the team is full-back Bernd Patzke, 25, with 10 German caps.

Fullback Rudi Steiner, 31, midfielders Jurgen Schutz, 29, Peter Grosser, 30 and wingers Hans Rebele, 25 and Alfred Heiss, 28, have all played for West Germany.

On top of this, the Bavarians also have two brilliant former Yugoslav internationals.

They are spectacular goalkeeper, Petar Radenkovic, 34 and winghalf Zeljko Perusic, 31.

Last season 1860 Munchen finished 13th in the Bundesliga, their lowest ever.

Before that they were placed 2nd (1967), 1st (1966), 4th (1965) and 7th (1964).

LOU GAUTIER ON THE OLYMPICS

PANCSICS TAMED THE BIG JAPANESE MENACE

MEXICO — Here are the detailed reports on the semifinals and quarter finals at the 1968 Olympic Games.

Hungary v. Japan 5-0

Japan in this match measured painfully the distance which still separates them from world class.

Despite their tremendous progress in recent years, they were sadly outclassed by a Hungarian team, which itself, is only a pale replica of Hungary's full "A" side.

The Hungarians played cat and mouse with the Japanese who had plenty of enthusiasm, heart and courage, but little to offer to counter the Magyars' vastly superior technique.

Hungary "sacrificed" Miklos Pancsics. He took no part in the game. His one and only task was to shadow Kamamoto.

This he did brilliantly, and the crack Japanese forward never got a look in all day.

Only towards the end, when Hungary led 5-0 did Pancsics relax his grip on Kamamoto.

Japan held out gamely until the 53rd minute when they were only down 0-1, though entirely on the defensive from the kick-off.

...off flew the sombreros...

MEXICO. — The ultimate in humiliation to Mexico's proud soccer team was dished out in Oriental fashion.

Playing for third place — already two rungs below the expected — Mexico lost an incredible game to Japan 2-0.

The tall, brilliant Kamamoto scored twice in the first half, much to the disbelief of the 40,000 spectators — and then Japan closed up the game.

In the second half Mexico attacked almost non-stop — but very much in their feeble, complicated fashion.

They tried to waltz the ball into the Japanese net and when in a good scoring position, were searching for a better one.

Four minutes from the end, after a seemingly interminable Mexican domination, inside forward Hernandez managed to turn the sour and slow-clapping fans into irate fanatics.

Standing alone with ball some four yards from the Japanese goal, Hernandez shot yards over the bar, aptly epitomising the impotency of Mexico's forward play.

That did the trick. The long suffering "hinchas" began a deafening whistle and bombarded the field with their cushions, orange peels and rubbish.

A couple of minutes later it was all over.

The huge electric scoreboard flashed the final result: Japan 2, Mexico 0.

And there was nothing left for the 40,000 bitterly disappointed "hinchas" to do but join one of the many available traffic jams and slowly, cursing under their sombreros, begin to go home.

Bulgaria v. Mexico 3-2

A funny thing happened to Mexico on their way to the Olympic final — they lost to Bulgaria...

The result was no surprise to me, but it stunned the entire Mexican nation who watched the match live on color TV, resulting in only 10,000 people attending the other semifinal at the Azteca Stadium.

Endowed with greater technique and far greater physical strength, the Bulgarians were always in control, scoring twice, within 50 seconds, before the first 10 minutes were up.

Though the Mexicans levelled the scores late in the first half and early in the second, they never gave the impression they could win.

In the 58th minute a break-away yielded Bulgaria's winning goal — a glorious angled shot by Dimitrov which was greeted with disconsolate silence by the 45,000 spectators at the beautiful Jalisco Stadium of Guadalajara where England will play all their 1970 World Cup elimination matches.

The Mexicans tried hard to equalize in the last 30 minutes, but apart from a couple of near misses, the Bulgarians had the situation well in control.

Bulgaria, despite its lucky "win" in the quarter final against Israel deserved its berth in the final.

Mexico showed they still have a long way to go in international soccer.

Despite their professionals, this Mexican Olympic XI does not rate, in my opinion, among the top five teams in the tournament and would

After conceding a penalty in the 53rd minute for unnecessary handling, the Japanese literally collapsed, and for the next 20 minutes it was an uninterrupted Hungarian rhapsody, with maroon shirts bobbing up everywhere.

Japan conceded three more goals, one of these another penalty for "hands" which illustrates just how frustrated and desperate they were.

For Hungary, Szucs, with the string bean look, stole the show, scoring three goals, though he is basically a mid-field man.

His second goal was a classic.

He dribbled past five Japanese players, pretended to pass, then let fly with a shot along the ground from 18 yards.

His first goal had been a glorious volley from a corner kick in the 30th minute.

have been eliminated in the round-robin had the Games not been held in Mexico where they enjoy one of the most fanatical supports in the world.

Semifinal details:

Hungary v. Japan 5-0 (1-0)

Hungary: Fater (Szarka); Novak, Dunai; Pancsics, Szucs, Fazekas; Kocsis (Menczel), Dunai L., Nagy, Nosko, Juhasz.

Japan: Yokoyama; Katayama, M. Miyamoto (Tomizawa); Yamaguchi, Kamata, Mori, Ogi, T. Miyamoto (Yagashi), Watanabe, Kamamoto, Sugiyama.

Scorers: Szucs 30, 60 and 75 mins., Novak 53 and 65 mins. (both penalties).

Referee: F. Arp (Brazil).

Crowd: 10,000 at Azteca Stadium, Mexico City.

Bulgaria v. Mexico 3-2 (2-1)

Bulgaria: Guerov; Christakiev, Gaidarski; Gueorguiev (Y. Dimitrov), T. Dimitrov (Zafirov), Yantchovski; Jekov, A. Christov, K. Christov, Donev, Nikolov.

Mexico: Vargas; Alejandro, Sanabria; Perez, Regueiro (Basaguren), Pulido; Pereda, Victorino, Sanchez Galindo, Munoz (Alvarez), Morales.

Scorers: Jekov 8 min., A. Christov 9 min., Dimitrov 58 min. for Bulgaria; Morales 39 min., Pulido 48 min. for Mexico.

Referee: S. Tarekegn (Ethiopia).

Crowd: 45,000 at Jalisco Stadium, Guadalajara.

Quarterfinal details:

Japan v. France 3-1 (1-1)

Japan: Yokoyama; Katayama, Miyamoto; Yamaguchi, Mori, Ogi; Miyamoto, Watanabe, Kamamoto, Sugiyama (Matsumoto), Kamata.

France: Riboul; Zix, Verhoeve; Plante (Goueffic), Larque, Hodoul; Horlaville, Kanyan, Tambeouon, Hallet, Lempereur.

Scorers: Kamamoto 27 and 59 mins., Watanabe 70 min. for Japan; Tambeouon 32 min. for France.

Referee: Fazekegn (Ethiopia).

Crowd: 30,000 at Azteca Stadium, Mexico City.

Mexico v. Spain 2-0 (1-0)

Mexico: Vargas; Alejandro, Sanabria; Perez, Regueiro, Pulido; Pereda, Victorino, Sanchez Galindo, Munoz, Morales.

Spain: Marine; Rubio, Munoz; Vaca, Puigredal, Ripoll; Rodriguez, Vilela, Fito, Cerejo, Blasco.

Scorers: Morales 34 min., Pereda 48 min.

Referee: Gugulovic (Yugoslavia).

Crowd: 38,000 at Puebla.

Hungary v. Guatemala 1-0 (0-0)

Hungary: Fater; Novak, Dunai; Pancsics, Menczel (Kocsis), Szucs; Fazekas, Dunai, Nosko, Juhasz, Basti (Szalai).

Guatemala: Gonzalez; Lopez Oliva (Melgar), Villavicencio; Leon de Elon, Montoya, Roldan; Torres, Slusher, Nelson, Pena Segura (Valdez), Stokes.

Scorer: Szucs 69 min.

Referee: A. Yamasaki (Mexico).

Crowd: 18,500 at Guadalajara.

Bulgaria v. Israel 1-1 (1-0)

Bulgaria: Yordanov; Christakiev, Gaidarski; Ivkov, Yantchovski, Donev; Dimitrov, Ivanov, Zafirov, Kristov (Gueorguiev), Guionine (Jekov).

Israel: Levin; Bar, Bello; Rosen, Schwager (Borba), Rosenthal; Shpigel, Faygenbaum, Shpiegler, Young (Englander), Druker.

Scorers: Christakiev 5 min. for Bulgaria; Faygenbaum 80 min. for Israel.

Referee: M. Kitabdjian (France).

Crowd: 11,000 at Leon.

* Bulgaria won by drawing lots after 120 minutes.

—EDITORIAL—

JAPAN GIVING US A LESSON

— By PAUL DEAN —

Japan's brilliant success at the Mexico Olympics soccer tournament should serve to Australia as a warning sign: we are being left hopelessly behind.

While so many of our administrators are warring, feuding and planning to drag each other to law courts, Japan is swiftly and smoothly advancing towards world class.

And this comes from a country which, a few short years ago, knew practically nothing about soccer...

Earlier this year visiting FIFA coach-cum-organiser, Dettmar Cramer told a Sydney meeting:

"Australia's most urgent need seems to be to build a strong national team."

"That would not only get you world attention but also ensure favorable reaction on the domestic front."

"Never mind about reorganising the ASF, that can wait."

"But start at once building a top national side which can launch you into international orbit."

Of course, Cramer's advice was completely ignored, like the advice of so many others in the past.

Now we have Japan winning bronze medals at the Olympics and Australia still unsure about her own future...

There is, of course, only one thing to do: to get on with the job.

Let's get rid of those parochial, little people who keep insisting with maniacal single-mindedness that "it can't be done here".

Of course it can be done — if those wielding the power spend more time on this project and less on personal conspiracies.

There is not one valid reason why, with a degree of maturity, Australia couldn't do what Japan has done.

Provided, of course, that all the States agree on the basic principles and then find the ways of putting them into practice — instead of arguing, with astonishingly narrow minds, that "we should be only interested in our domestic championships".

As from now, the world will remember that Japan won third place in the Olympics — and the same world couldn't give a damn about the regional championship of Tokyo, Osaka or Yokohama.

The Japanese national team will soon be able to write its own ticket to any part of the world as a welcome guest; their domestic soccer will soon experience a fantastic boom.

All because of the success of their national team.

And here we are, after 80 years of soccer in Australia — and we have yet to send a national team to Europe...

We are sick and tired of those who put state before country, club before state and themselves before everything else.

If Japan, with infinitely poorer soccer background and without any organisation at all, could emerge as a soccer power in about six years — why the hell can't we at least make a decent start in that direction?

If some of our "top administrators" expanded half the energy on planning a national team as they spend on senselessly playing a personal power game, the Australian team would make a dozen trips overseas each year.

It's absolutely imperative that we begin to plan for at least two years ahead and intelligently examine the best ways of —

● Preparing a national team for the 1969 season;

● Entering and participating in the Merdeka Tournament;

● Keeping the national team together as often as possible;

● Planning the vital World Cup elimination matches in October 1969;

● And planning for Mexico, 1970.

Those who work towards these goals can always count on our full support.

As for those who keep harping the "it-can't-be-done" theme, we hereby declare our vote of no-confidence.

And as such, we will regard them as fair game who should be put out of soccer for the common good, whoever they are, whichever city they live in.

OLYMPIC HONORS

1. Hungary
2. Bulgaria
3. Japan
4. Mexico

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will be held on Sunday, December 1,

at 2 p.m. at 256 Crown St., Sydney.

Books for new membership application will close one week before the AGM. Membership renewals may be made at the meeting.

LOU GAUTIER ON THE OLYMPICS

MANY CZECH STARS ARE READY TO QUIT

MEXICO. — Quite a few of the Czechoslovakian players from the Olympic team are likely to move to Western countries soon.

The Czechs didn't even try to hide their dislike of the Russians during the Games but also openly snubbed athletes from other Warsaw Pact countries.

It was, in fact, a situation similar to the Melbourne Olympics in 1956 when, only weeks after their unsuccessful revolution, the Hungarians treated the Russians with undisguised hatred and the Czechs, who tacitly aided the Russians, with open scorn.

Now, 12 years later, the shoe was on the other foot.

A Czech journalist told me that at least six of their Olympic team will be joining West German, Austrian and Swiss clubs soon.

Kramerius, their goalkeeper, has already signed professional form with the Austrian LASK.

As I predicted in *SOCCER WORLD* when I previewed the Olympic tournament, the Czechoslovaks did not live up to expectations.

FAILURE

The 1964 Olympic vice-champions suffered the indignity of losing to Guatemala, the Central American country which just doesn't rate in soccer.

That the Czechs suffered from the Soviet invasion was painfully apparent.

Their preparation in all team sports at the Olympics has been affected, none more than the soccer team, whose physical condition, fitness, mental approach and morale was depressing.

Against Bulgaria, however, the Czechs played more like a crack side should.

But it was a case of too little too late as their two goals late in the second half only tied the score at 2-2 and this draw still eliminated them.

Guatemala, in the international hierarchy is not even a Central American soccer force.

They rate far behind Mexico and Costa Rica.

Their success in Mexico, however, bears no discussion, and was not usurped.

The Guatemalans are almost at home in Mexico.

They are the Mexicans' friendliest and most popular neighbors, and get tremendous vocal support.

Rous at venues

FIFA president Sir Stanley Rous didn't miss a single match day during the soccer tournament.

He made appearances at the Azteca Stadium, at Leon, Puebla and Guadalajara.

FIFA secretary Dr. Helmut Kaser, on the other hand, was immensely busy during the Games and got only to a few matches.

It was left to Mr. Kaser to set in motion the wheels for the 1970 World Cup, Mexico's next big sporting event.

Just to make sure they would feel at home, some 2,500 Guatemalan soccer fans crossed the border every time their team plays to support them.

The Thais' weakness was an embarrassment.

They were completely out of their depth, even in this very ordinary class of soccer.

The more I think of it,

the more I am convinced that Australia should enter future Olympic qualifying groups.

Even an all-amateur Australian team would make mince-meat of the likes of Thailand, an Asian Olympic qualifier.

The Nigerians didn't win a single match at the Olympics but they were easily the most popular foreign team

with the fans who barracked noisily for the underdogs.

The Africans who are extremely talented but tactically terribly naive, like most Asian and African teams, also won the sympathy of the local press.

They were eventually awarded a special cup donated by the Mexican sporting press for the "most courteous team."

Azteca offers the ultimate in modern soccer luxury

Mexico. — If Australia had the good fortune to qualify for the 1970 World Cup and if we were to play our final group matches in a Mexico City-based group it will be our privilege to play at the breath-taking Azteca Stadium.

More than the actual soccer I've seen here it's the magnificent Azteca Stadium, showpiece of Mexico's sporting architecture which gave the greatest thrill I've ever experienced in sport.

Those Australians who have seen some of the world's most celebrated sporting arenas will find it hard to believe, but the fact is — and the world press gathered here agrees — nothing has yet been built anywhere to match the Azteca.

The Azteca, the capacity of which is a relatively modest 88,000, resembles no other stadium in shape or comfort.

It looks like a huge flying saucer which has just landed on earth.

Every stand is covered and the sky is visible only on the rectangle above the playing pitch.

The pitch is made of synthetic material. Its grass is artificial and its greenness is blinding to the eye.

VERY GREEN

It has exactly the same color as on the tracksuits and official blazers of Australian sporting teams and takes some getting used to, especially when you are accustomed to the dustbowls which masquerade as grounds in Australia.

Despite its vastness, the Azteca can be emptied in three minutes. There are 56 exits, each complete with escalators leading directly either to buses, private cars or trains.

The parking station, for 1,800 cars, is built underground, under the playing surface, the railway station, with eight tracks is also underground, at the scoreboard end of the ground, and the buses alone are stationed outside all around the ground.

When you travel to the stadium, 18 miles from downtown Mexico City, but only 500 yards from the auxiliary Olympic Village — the Villa Coapa — you must take the buses or trains which lead you directly to your seats.

People in Mexico don't buy their tickets at the gate. There are no turnstiles for ticket sales at the Azteca, only gates through which you show tickets which you have purchased at various selling points throughout the city.

DOOR TO DOOR

If your ticket is, say, number 2006 and shows gate 23, you have to board a bus or a train which indicates 2000 to 3000.

Once you alight outside the ground, a huge rolling staircase carries you to whatever level (there are three at the Azteca) Gate 23 happens to be.

This "door to seat" service, so to speak, avoids bottlenecks and congestion outside the ground and reduces Azteca Stadium staff to a minimum.

The most unusual features of the ground are the "loggias," which number 600.

These are self-contained boxes with large glass windows placed all around the ground on the highest level (the third).

People pay \$5,000 for life for the privilege of watching soccer in the greatest luxury any sports fan has ever enjoyed.

The "loggia" owners drive up to them along a special ramp, similar to those in parking stations, and park their car in a

private garage under their "loggia."

The "loggia" contains a bar, sauna, shower, divan and an automatic laundromat for those wealthy patrons who may wish to press their clothes or rinse their shirts after sweating it out at a particularly tense match.

Not that you could possibly ever feel hot in a "loggia" since they are, of course, fully air-conditioned.

INSPECTED

I was lucky enough to be taken in tow by a "loggia" owner at the conclusion of a match.

The row of "loggias" being situated above the Press Box, I was naturally curious to get a closer look at them and strolled casually towards the nearest "loggia," which was still occupied.

The owner, a Senor Carmen Enmas, who owns the fashionable Carmino Real Hotel in downtown Mexico's elegant Paseo de la Reforma — Mexico City's Champs Elysees, — prompted me to come in, probably only too happy to show off this unique Mexican marvel to a foreign pressman.

He gave me a conducted tour of his "castle" and drove me back to the Press Village by way of the private concourse reserved for "loggia" occupants.

Is he really top?

MEXICO — Istvan Zsolt, the Hungarian referee rated as one of the best, didn't impress me one bit, just as Paul Dean remained unmoved by his displays in the 1966 World Cup.

During his match, Mexico v. Colombia, I had the feeling he was playing for the Mexican gallery.

It might have been a coincidence but Zsolt somehow managed to overlook most of the home side's fouls.

With the Colombians he wasn't so lenient. Their every foul, even the most

insignificant, was mercilessly signalled.

Zsolt looked like the supreme showman. He certainly doesn't believe in the adage that referees should be heard, not seen.

I don't rate him one iota above Tony Boskovic; if anything, Tony is better.

Zsolt allows himself to be talked back to by players, gets involved in arguments and in one incident even allowed a Mexican player to shove him in the back after Zsolt had disallowed a goal for a blatant offside.

MEXICO 68

HOSTS NEED TO IMPROVE FOR WORLD CUP

MEXICO — How the Mexican team could have ever been so highly rated by most of the specialised world press is a mystery.

I saw them twice, in the early rounds, against Colombia, when they won 1-0, and against France, and on both occasions they were pathetic.

Not just bad, but atrocious.

On those displays, even our under-trained soulless Australian national team would have beaten them, and that's saying something!

NAIVE

Their players are quite talented individually, but their naive approach and lack of team-work and discipline is staggering.

Against France, no world beaters despite their magnificent win, they were caught 26 times off-side!

Estrada, their full "A" international inside-right, alone, was off-side 13 times.

A "world record" is what the daily newspaper

"TELEGRAFICO" calls Estrada's "feat."

The Mexicans were slack in defence, inaccurate and tentative in attack.

They enjoy a vast share of the ball in most games but are unable to prove their territorial advantage.

After their early display it didn't surprise me — even their ardent fans — that they missed out on place in the final.

The Bulgarians, in a semifinal at Guadalajara, played more mature, pithy and poseful football and were deservedly.

I would expect that the Mexicans will now knock down to some pretty hard work.

If they want to do a better in the much stronger field of the 1970 World Cup, they must undertake a sizeable improvement.

KANYAN IS NEW NAME ON ROAD TO FAME

MEXICO — France, one of the very few really amateur teams in Mexico, started off with modest hopes.

In spite of this, they won their group, caused a fantastic shock by defeating Mexico 4-1 — and reached the quarterfinals.

There they lost to Japan 3-1 but even so, returned home more than pleased with their results.

In attack, France had one of the very best forwards in the Olympic tournament — a player the Mexican press now rates among the best seen in the country.

Mexican papers compare him favourably with Pele and Eusebio.

Marc Kanyan is his name. He, too, is a "Black Panther," and he is a New Caledonian, like co-forward Charles Tambeoune, who played in Sydney with the New Caledonian team which defeated NSW 4-2 in 1965.

GOOD PRESS

Kanyan was on the front page of every Mexican paper after the 4-1 win over Mexico.

He deserved it. He scored two goals, forced Mexican defender Medina to score an "own" goal, but it was

his second goal, which nailed the Mexican coffee which earned him Olympic fame.

Kanyan, a roving centre forward with a diabolic ball-control, gathered the ball along the touch line, set sail for the right corner flag, was challenged by three Mexican defenders, dribbled the ball advanced to the 18 yard line, waltzed past another two defenders before transferring the ball from his right to left foot (in mid air!) to gently lob the ball over the head of Mexican goalie Vargas!

This was a gem of a goal which will rate with the outstanding performances of the entire Olympic program.

The ovation he received from the huge Mexican crowd was deafening and will probably always ring in his ears.

Kanyan is THE French team's attack, but it's a safe bet he won't stay an amateur for long.

French soccer is so mediocre it can ill afford not to enrol the talents of such an outstanding mar in its professional ranks.

AUSTRALIA CUP 1968

PATH TO THE FINAL

	Round 1.	Round 2.	Q-finals	S-finals	Final
EAST GROUP:	CROATIA (S) 1 JUVENTUS (C) 0	HAKOAH (S) 1 CROATIA (S) 0	HAKOAH (S) 2 ST. GEO.(S) 0		
LEGEND:		P. HELL.(S) 1 APIA (S) 0		AZZURRI (P) 1* HAKOAH (S) 4	
S-Sydney C-Canberra N-Newcastle P-Perth B-Brisbane M-Melbourne A-Adelaide T-Tasmania	All other teams had a bye	ST. GEO. (S) 5 AUSTRAL (N) 0	PRAGUE (S) 3 P. HELL. (S) 2		
WEST GROUP:	HELLAS (A) 1 AZZURRI (P) 2	HELLAS (A) 1 AZZURRI (P) 2	JUVENTUS (M) 1 AZZURRI (P) 2		HAKOAH (S) 3-0 HAKOAH (M) —
	HAKOAH (M) 1 LAUNCESTON (T) 0	HAKOAH (M) 4 HUNGARIA (M) 2		PRAGUE (S) 1-2 HAKOAH (M) 1-3	
	All other teams had a bye	JUVENTUS (M) 2 JUST (M) 1	HAKOAH (M) 2 CROATIA (M) 0		
		CROATIA (M) 3 JUVENTUS (A) 1			

* Only one match played, Azzurri forfeited return.

FIRST LEG WAS A CAKE-WALK

The clash of the two Hakoahs in the first leg of the Australia Cup final last Sunday was a pleasant family affair.

The Sydney team was quick to realise their overall superiority and politely refrained from rubbing little Fister's nose into the dirt.

Their win was never in serious doubt. They firmly grabbed the initiative and established a 2-0 lead after only 24 minutes.

Baartz, back at his best, scored both goals.

The first was an opportunist's dream as he spounced on a loose ball in front of the goal and gently lobbed it into the upper corner.

After a series of Sydney Hakoah attacks, Baartz claimed his second goal.

Spilarewicz, standing in for the injured Watkiss, dashed down the left flank and his cross found Baartz.

Darting forward in the ring of Melbourne defenders, Baartz breasted the ball down and then volleyed it home as if it was the most natural thing to do.

One would have expected that Melbourne Hakoah, down two goals, will now abandon their tight defensive stance in an attempt to cut down the margin.

But not so. Obviously unable to change tactics midstream, the Melbourne team's chief pre-occupation was with their highly effective offside trap.

The Sydney forwards were caught offside time and again and this seemed to delight the Melbourne defence.

However, their own attack remained non-existent, giving them little or no hope of even creating scoring chances.

After half time, in the 85 deg. heat, the tempo of the match slackened noticeably.

NO HURRY

The Sydney team was in no desperate hurry to score more goals, while the Melbourne side appeared quite unable to do so.

Willie Rutherford, earlier in the piece the prime mover of the Sydney attacks, wilted in the heat and with that their forward line was losing its bite.

The third goal was almost an accident. Six minutes from time Harry Rutherford shot from an acute angle — it might have even been a bad cross — and Henderson, poorly positioned, palmed the ball into the net.

Sydney Hakoah's overall superiority was evident in every phase of the game.

Their defence was seldom tested — and perhaps just as well because both Fuzes and Hillsdon were well below their best.

All the others handled the Melbourne forwards with considerable ease especially Fekete whose displays at fullback never stop improving.

Walsh and Yaager went through the usual amount of work without being brilliant.

In the attack the two Rutherfords and Baartz were the picks; Spilarewicz was ineffective while Jones was far too timid.

In the Melbourne team, only fullback Keith and midfielder Murney stood their ground well.

The highly rated O'Neill was extremely hesitant while Lappish, standing in for the injured Van Alphen, was mainly conspicuous through his almost innumerable fouls.

In the Melbourne attack one had to sympathise with that clever winger, Fry, whose fate it was to try everything alone.

Neither Cameron nor Armstrong repeated their earlier Sydney displays while Douglas and Kurta were hopelessly out of their depths.

Details: Sydney Hakoah: Fuzes; Fekete, Marnoch, Hillsdon; Walsh, Yaager; H. Rutherford, W. Rutherford, Spilarewicz, Baartz, Jones.

Melb. Hakoah: Henderson; Keith, Lappish, O'Neill; Murney, Stenhouse; Fry, Douglas, Armstrong, Cameron, Kurta.

Scorers: Baartz 15 and 24 min.; H. Rutherford 84 min.

Referee: M. O'Malley (Adelaide).

Crowd: 3,400.

— Paul Dean

LUXURY FOR BOTH TEAMS

Neither Hakoah — Sydney's or Melbourne's — can claim any travel advantages over the other: both fly with Ansett-ANA.

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Sydney Hakoah face a hectic few days. On Saturday they will fly to Melbourne for the return leg of the Australia Cup final.

On Sunday they will play the match and later in the evening will return to Sydney.

On Monday the team, officials and 40 supporters, will fly out again — this time on their New Caledonian tour.

While there, Hakoah are expected to play three matches — two against the national team.


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AUSTRALIA CUP 1968

SYDNEY TEAM ALMOST CERTAIN OF CUP WIN

— By PAUL DEAN —

Alan Marnoch, skipper of Sydney Hakoah, can start getting his acceptance speech ready: it's odds on that on Sunday he will be handed the Australia Cup.

Marnoch must be getting good at it: this year he has been handed all kinds of cups and trophies.

After the 3-0 first leg loss last Sunday, the Melbourne team's chances are fantastically remote. Not only because three goals constitute a huge deficit — but because they are at least one clear class below their Sydney sister club.

Sydney Hakoah, at the moment, are the complete team. Neither in defence nor in attack do they have any real weaknesses and nothing but a total short-circuit could spell danger for them.

They may well afford to have a couple of players somewhat off form because the rest still represent a formidable unit.

against a truly outstanding fullback and George Keith is certainly one.

But Keith alone cannot hold an entire forward line — and neither can a clever offside trap.

Where Melbourne Hakoah suffers terribly in comparison is in the forward line.

Fry has enough class to walk into any Sydney team — but the others are a rather nondescript lot.

Armstrong, with suitable support, could be a match-winner and Cameron has the ability to provide that support.

But neither Douglas nor Kurta, Thomas or Smith have what it takes to pierce a top defence — such as the Sydney team's.

With a 3-0 lead, Sydney Hakoah are most unlikely to play safety football.

DISAPPOINTING

From last Sunday's team Fuzes, Hillsdon and Spil-
arowicz failed to impress.

But that's nothing compared with Melbourne's plight where at least eight players performed disappointingly.

The Hakoah attack is now a piece of gem — especially if Watkiss returns to the fold.

The right flank made up by the Rutherford brothers can be devastating.

It wouldn't be a surprise if both soon gained representative honors; Willie, one should say, is an absolute must.

Ray Baartz, this full-blooded, marvellously forceful forward, is back at his best.

Jones on the left wing is somewhat of an enigma; he never performs really well

LIKELY TEAMS:

HAKOAH (Melb.) v. HAKOAH (Sydney)

HENDERSON	1. FUZES
KEITH	2. FEKETE
O'NEILL	3. HILLSDON
MURNEY	4. WALSH
VAN ALPHEN	5. MARNOCH
STENHOUSE	6. YAAGER
FRY	7. H. RUTHERFORD
DOUGLAS	8. W. RUTHERFORD
ARMSTRONG	9. WATKISS
CAMERON	10. BAARTZ
THOMAS	11. JONES
Reserves:	Reserves:
WALKER	WILSON
SMITH	SPILAREWICZ
KURTA	STEWART

HE'S BEEN IN "HOT SEAT" FOR 20 YEARS

Kurt Defris is a name which has been synonymous with Hakoah and Victorian soccer for almost 20 years.

Despite the personal achievements he had in sport before arriving in Australia in 1947, it would be safe to say that the biggest "kick" he has ever received is to see his side battling it out with sister club Hakoah Sydney for the 1968 Australia Cup.

As a former top player and official in several sports, Kurt is reluctant to talk of his own personal glories and is much more at home discussing the highlights or shortcomings of the team which he has been secretary-manager of for the past 19 years, Hakoah of Melbourne.

Kurt Defris, now 60 but full of vigor, arrived in Australia from China in 1947 and is a household name in Victoria in three sports: soccer, ice-hockey and table tennis.

He has held almost all the main offices of the Victorian Amateur Ice-Hockey Association and for the 10th consecutive year has been re-elected president of that body.

He is a leading figure in Victorian table-tennis circles, held office with VASFA and is a life member of the Victorian Soccer Federation.

In table tennis he was ranked seventh in Austria in 1935 when he played for Fair Unitas, the club of world champion Richard Bergman.

It was through this sport that he met his wife Stephanie who, in 1936, was ranked number three in the women's doubles at the

world table tennis championships.

In 1939 with his wife they left Vienna for Shanghai and established the Shanghai Table Tennis Association.

Soon after World War II they arrived in Melbourne and formed the Jewish Recreation Club with whose team Kurt continued to play.

Despite his great love for ice-hockey and table tennis, he has a real background in soccer.

As far back as 1934 he represented Austria at amateur level and toured many countries in Europe until 1937.

Outside his business interests, his association with these three sports restricts his home life with his wife and daughter Lorraine who is a tutor at Latrobe University.

Anyone who really knows Kurt and wants to contact him by phone can almost be sure that if he isn't at business or home, he will be found at Middle Park Stadium, Albert Park Table Tennis Centre or St. Moritz.

On match days he prefers going it alone when his team is playing.

By that I mean you seldom find him on the trainer's bench or in the stand.

At Olympic Park when his team plays there, he is a solitary figure, easily picked out sitting on the ground roller well away from anyone.

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ROUND THE WORLD

Nothing worries him

Oddly enough, French team manager Dugau-guez was "satisfied" after his team's 3-1 defeat by Spain at Lyon last week. At halftime France led 1-0 but couldn't withstand the great second half pressure of the Spaniards especially in the last 16 minutes, when they scored two goals.

Stormy encounter

Belgium scored an important 3-0 win over Yugoslavia in their first World Cup elimination match at Brussels. Czech referee Krnavek almost lost control of the game and towards the end had to send three players off the field, two Yugoslavs and one Belgian. Belgian critics claimed that the "Red Devils" had played their best game for years.

Waltz for Germans

West Germany started off on the right foot in the World Cup eliminations, beating Austria 2-0 in Vienna. Although the Austrians had most of the ball, the stronger Germans gained the upper hand towards the end. Their best players were midfielders Beckenbauer and Netzer as well as centre-forward Muller.

Scottish dialogue

Celtic's Jimmy Johnstone has declined to play for Scotland. Last year team manager Bobby Brown bypassed the brilliant winger saying that his "mental approach" to internationals wasn't good enough. Now Brown wanted Johnstone in his team for the games against Denmark and Austria but the red-haired star is playing the hurt.

Dream coming true

The UEFA is seriously considering the introduction of a regular European super-league. Secretary Hans Bangert's plan calls for two groups of 18 teams — each from 13 countries with the five strongest providing two teams. UEFA thinks the new league can be a reality within a couple of years.

Do, dos, ado . . .

Many people like simple club names — but this is overdoing it. Fancy having these in the one league: MVV, DWS, PSV, NEC, NAC, DOS, GVVAV, ADO and AZ. A nightmare? They are all in the Dutch First Division.

Riva's team excels

Who said Italian soccer lacked goals? Recently Cagliari, the little Sardinian club thrashed Varese 6-1 — at Varese! Hero of the match was Riva who scored three himself.

Femmes Fatale?

The first football championship for women to receive nation-wide publicity has been sponsored in Italy. Referred to as fem-foot, the Italian female football game has drawn crowds in excess of 10,000.

Replacements possible

It is now official that two replacements will be allowed in all World Cup matches in 1970 at any time during the match. However, the two substitutes must come from a list of five reserves nominated before the match.

The world press is up in arms about the behaviour of the Manchester fans at the recent intercontinental final where the Argentinian Estudiantes drew 1-1, winning the title on a 2-1 aggregate. Almost from the start, the English crowd chanted "Ani-mals, ani-mals" and "we-want-a-riot" — although the Argentinians had given no cause to such provocation.

● After Vojvodina manager Boskov turned down the offer, Vardar boss Hugo Rusevlyan has been invited to take over the Rumanian national team.

● According to recent Swiss statistics, referees award six times more penalties for home teams than against them . . .

● Paris is fast sinking to provincial levels in French soccer. The recent France-Spain match was staged at Lyon and the game against Norway on November 6 will be held at Metz.

● Ferencvaros of Hungary beat Reims 1-0 in a friendly match, at Reims. Ferencvaros were without five of their regulars, all in Mexico with the Olympic team.

● George Best who was sent off in the intercontinental cup final, will be ineligible to play for Manchester United against Anderlecht on Nov. 13 in the second round of the European Cup.

● Canada is progressing well towards a World Cup finals berth. First they beat Bermuda 4-0, then, in Toronto, before a mere 10,000 spectators, beat the USA 4-2. Both were first leg ties.

● On November 6 Scotland will play Austria in a World Cup elimination match, at Glasgow.

● Of the 22 English First Division teams, only one has a manager who was born in London: Chelsea's Dave Sexton.

● West Germany's great distance runner, Norpeth is a keen soccer player and often warms up for his races with a ball.

● After years of self-imposed exile, Karl Rappan will leave Switzerland to return home to Austria. He has bought a hotel near Salzburg.

Luxury winger

Unable to field Swedish international right-winger Roger Magnusson, Juventus have transferred him "on loan" for one year to French club Olympique Marseille. Magnusson has cost Juventus more than £70,000 in salary and bonuses since they engaged him three years ago and he's played only half a dozen matches. Still only 23, Magnusson is already widely travelled. Beginning with Atvidaberg in Sweden, the winger has had spells with Flamengo (Brazil), Cologne (West Germany), Juventus and now Marseille, who will pay Juventus £12,000 for the loan and also pay the player's salary and bonuses.

Neapolitan bargaining

Napoli are having problems with Antonio Juliano, their Italian international inside-right. He reckons he should have had more than the £20,000 the club gave him. Brazilian centre Jose Altafini and Argentinian inside-left Enrico Sivori each collected £30,000 from Napoli, who, after losing money last season, are trying to economise.

● Real Madrid midfielder Zoco underwent an operation for torn ligaments.

● For criticising the Italian league championship system in a press interview, AS Roma manager Helenio Herrera was fined one million lire — about \$2,000.

● The Spanish First Division team Pontevedra has not lost a match for over two years at their own Pasaron stadium.

● Lucien Muller, now back in French amateur ranks, has kept his splendid Barcelona apartment where he will spend his holidays.

● The Belgians are delighted to have discovered a great new forward tandem combination in Van Himst-Polleunis.

● Dynamo Kiev is again running away with the Soviet championship; after 30 rounds they have a six-point lead over Torpedo and Spartak.

● The brilliant, high-scoring Lubanski is playing a big part in the success of Polish champion-elects Gornik.

● Three of the most famous Northern Irish clubs, Portadown, Glentworth and Distillery are all near the bottom of the league table.

● Espanol Barcelona's new boss Argiles seems to be a tough guy: he started off by barring all club officials, even directors from the dressing room.

● Former great French pro Gusti Jordan has returned home to his native Austria.

● A total of 772,000 spectators saw the 26 first round matches of the European Champions' Cup — an average of 30,000 a game. In the Cupwinners' Cup the average was only 18,000.

Brazil busy

Brazil is determined to build a new team and a fantastically heavy program should do the trick. This year Brazil's program is: Oct. 31 v. Mexico (at Rio); Nov. 3 v. Mexico (Belo Horizonte); Nov. 6 v. FIFA XI (Rio); Nov. 10 v. Chile (Rio); Nov. 13 v. Chile (Curitiba); Dec. 14 v. Germany (Rio); Dec. 17 v. Yugoslavia (Rio). Their schedule in 1969: April 6 v. Peru (Porto Alegre); April 9 v. Peru (Rio); June 12 v. England (Rio); July 9 v. Argentina (Buenos Aires); July 17 v. Chile (Santiago); July 20 v. Chile (Santiago). Then come, in a span of 24 days, Brazil's World Cup elimination ties: Aug. 7 v. Colombia (Bogota); Aug. 10 v. Venezuela (Caracas); Aug. 17 v. Paraguay (Asuncion); Aug. 21 v. Colombia, Aug. 24 v. Venezuela and Aug. 31 v. Paraguay, all last three in Rio.

FIFA v. Brazil

The final FIFA team is shaping up to meet Brazil on November 6 at Rio's vast Maracana stadium. These players will meet in Rio on November 2: Goalkeepers: Yachin (Russia), Mazurkiewicz (Uruguay); defenders: Perfumo, Marzolini (both Argentina), Schulz (Germany), Shesternev (Rus.), Quintano (Chile); midfielders: Szucs (Hungary), Beckenbauer, Overath (both Germ.), Osim (Yugos.), forwards: Metreveli (Rus.), Albert, Farkas (both Hung.), Amancio (Spain), Djajic (Yug.). If any have to drop out, they will be replaced by Viktor (Czech.), Rocha (Urug.), Van Himst (Belg.) and Bene (Hung.). Coach will be Dettmar Cramer, referee the Mexican Diego de Leo and linesmen Barreto (Urug.) and Zsolt (Hung.).

SCOREBOARD

INTERNATIONALS: Austria v. W. Germany 0-2 (Vienna, World Cup); Switzerland v. Greece 1-0 (Basel); France v. Spain 1-3 (Lyon); Belgium v. Yugoslavia 3-0 (Brussels, World Cup); Wales v. Italy 0-1 (Cardiff, World Cup); Northern Ireland v. Turkey 4-1 (Belfast, World Cup); Bulgaria v. Holland 2-0 (Sofia, World Cup); Yugoslavia v. Spain 0-0 (Belgrade, World Cup); Portugal v. Rumania 3-0 (Lisbon, World Cup).

FAIR CITIES CUP: Leeds v. St. Liege 3-2; Grasshoppers v. Napoli 1-0; Chelsea v. DWS Amsterdam 0-0.

ARGENTINA: Boca v. Velez 1-0; Independiente v. San Lorenzo 1-1; Colon v. River 1-1; Rosario v. Losandes 1-0; Bahiablanca v. Racing 2-3; Huracan v. Tucuman 7-1; Mendoza v. Cordoba 1-1.

Table: River, Racing 10; Colon 9, Boca 8 pts.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Zilina v. Slavia 1-0; Sparta v. Dukla 1-1; Ostrava v. Lokomotiva 3-2; Kosice v. Teplice 2-0; Trnava v. Slovan 3-0.

Table: Trnava 10, Ostrava 9, Kosice, Slovan 8 pts.

FRANCE: Bastia v. Monaco 4-0; Metz v. Marseille 1-0; Nimes v. Sedan 1-0; St. Etienne v. Nice 3-2; Sochaux v. Marseille 3-1; Bordeaux v. Red Star 2-1; Strasbourg v. Ajaccio 3-0; Lyon v. Sochaux 6-3; Rouen v. Valenciennes 3-2; Rennes v. Nantes 2-1.

GREECE: Ethnikos v. Aris 2-2; AEK v. Olympiakos 3-2; PAOK v. Panionios 1-1; Panathinaikos v. Apolon 1-0; Panseiraikos v. Verita 2-1; Egaleo v. Herakles 1-1; Chalkis v. Lemnos 4-1; Vyzas v. Trikala 3-0; Pierikos v. Heraklion 0-0.

ITALY: Fiorentina v. AC Milan 0-0; Inter v. Cagliari 4-0; Verona v. Torino 3-0; Juventus v. Bologna 1-0; Vi-

cenza v. Atalanta 1-0; Sampdoria v. Palermo 0-1; Pisa v. Varese 0-1; Napoli v. Roma 0-0. **Table:** Milan 7, Inter and Fiorentina 6 pts.

POLAND: Katowice v. Slask 0-0; Row v. Gornik 0-0; Pogon v. Odra 5-0; Stal v. Polonia 0-3; Szombierki v. Legia 2-1; Wisla v. Walbrzych 1-0; Zaglebie v. Ruch 3-1.

Table: Gornik 16, Legia 14 pts.

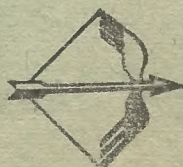
RUMANIA: Polit. Iassy v. Rapid 3-1; Oradea v. Arges Pit. 0-0; Din. Buch. v. Farul Const. 4-2; Craiova v. Din. Bacau 1-0; Vagonul Arad v. Steaua 1-5; Jiul Petr. v. ASA Arad 3-2; Progressul v. UTA Arad 2-2; Ploesti v. Uni. Cluj 2-0. **Table:** Craiova 15, UTA 14 pts.

SWEDEN: Malmo v. Elfsborg 0-2; Djurgarden v. Goteborg 0-0; Orebro v. Norrkoping 1-1; Aatvidaberg v. Helsingborg 6-1; GAIS v. AIK 2-0. **Final standings:** Oester of Vaexjoe, Malmo, Norrkoping and Djurgarden all 27 pts., Orebro 25, Elfsborg 23, Aatvidaberg 22, GAIS, Goteborg 18, AIK, Helsingborg 17, Orgrtze 16 pts.

SWITZERLAND: Basel v. Zurich 2-1; Bellinzona v. Young Boys 1-1; Bienne v. Lugano 0-2; Grasshoppers v. Servette 0-0; Lausanne v. Chaux-de-Fonds 3-1; Sion v. St. Gallen 2-4; Winterthur v. Lucerne 1-1. **Table:** Lausanne 14, Zurich and Basel 12 pts.

WEST GERMANY: Borussia Moenchengladbach v. Hertha Berlin 0-1; FC Nurnberg v. Duisburg 1-1; Borussia Dortmund v. VfB Stuttgart 1-0; FC Kaiserslautern v. Hamburg 0-1; Werder Bremen v. Bayern Munchen 1-0; Munchen 1860 v. Alemania Aachen 0-0; FC Koln v. Eintracht Braunschweig 2-0; Kickers Offenbach v. Eintracht Frankfurt 4-2.

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McMEECHAN MAY JOIN UP WITH SYDNEY CLUB

Jimmy Robertson, a slimly built centre forward who played with Alloa Athletic in the Scottish Second Division, has been in Melbourne fully three months but so far has not put pen to paper for any State League club.

A nephew of Tommy Robertson of George Cross, it seems likely that he will land with his uncle's club by the time the night soccer starts.

Tommy himself, a leading member of the Players' Union, is likely to be offered for transfer by the Cross after being under club suspension for the latter part of the season.

Pipped on the post by Box Hill for promotion to the State League this season, the up and coming Dandenong City gained some consolation recently in winning the Federation Cup by beating Kellor City in the final. This game wound up Metropolitan soccer for 1968.

Unconfirmed reports suggest that the mercurial, brilliant, tantalising and sometimes mediocre Hammy McMeechan is seriously thinking once again of "cashing in" on a move to Sydney now that he has gained every honor in Australian soccer in his five year spell in Victoria.

A product of Glasgow Juniors, Hammy, 26, had senior experience with Carlisle United and Exeter City before coming to Australia in 1963 to join Slavia and moved to Croatia for a big fee in 1965.

While with Slavia, he won an Australia and Dockerty Cup medal.

Since changing quarters, he has helped Croatia win the Ampol Cup, State League title and Dockerty Cup.

In addition, McMeechan has played many times for both Victoria and Australia.

Keith Fry, the leading light in Hakoah's forward line in their Australia Cup games, has made arrangements to return to his native Wales before the year ends.

But Keith, who played for Newport and Notts County, may yet change his mind after pressure from the Hakoah management.

Back in Melbourne after a year in Britain is JUST's Ambrose Morgan, a Welshman who has played senior soccer in his native country and also in Scotland and Canada.

Several State League clubs are more than interested in getting Morgan, I doubt if the Footscray club will consider letting him go.

The Victorian Coaches Association are holding a soccer film night this evening (Thursday) at 7.30 in the VRI Buildings at Flinders Street.

Films to be shown are: England v. Rest of the

World (1966), Benfica v. Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur v. Real Madrid.

A small charge will be made for admission which will include refreshments.

Three State League players who pose a big question as to their future are Frank Stoffels (Melbourne), Frank Barbazza (JUST), and John Backovic (Alexander).

Stoffels, a Dutchman who had considerable experience with Wilhelmina and Box Hill before transferring for a small fee to Melbourne, played a leading part in the Hungaria club's Australia Cup and State League title wins in 1967.

This season, he only made a few fleeting appearances in the first team and was completely out of it in the latter stages.

Barbazza, a product of the Juventus juniors and a first team player with that side for almost 10 years, moved to JUST late this year, played only a handful of first team games and was dropped.

Backovic, a Yugoslav formerly with JUST, transferred to Alexander last year and for the first half of this season was an anchor man at centre half until being displaced by one of Alexander's many new imports.

Since he returned from England early this year after a short holiday, Brian Adlam, the Croatia winger has gone through a bad spell attributable to loss of form, injury and minor ailments.

Now, almost back to peak fitness, Croatia are hoping Brian will recover his real form in the 1969 Ampol Cup which would compensate for the loss of Billy McIntyre, who returns to Scotland soon.

With half a dozen first team players who have played over 100 games for the club, many would be inclined to think that Melbourne have too many who are too long in the tooth.

Nothing is further from the truth. With the exception of Gregal and Fowler, both in their early 30's, Scott, Myers and McGowan are well under 30. And Abonyi only recently passed the 22 mark.

According to a leading Scottish newspaper, John Colrain, the former Glasgow Celtic forward who has successfully managed Irish

League champions Glenorton for the past few years has been offered £2,500 (sterling) a year plus bonuses to coach an Australian club on a two-year contract.

FINAL VICT. TABLES

STATE LEAGUE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	15	3	4	42	19	33
Polonia	9	8	5	29	25	26
SM Hellas	9	7	6	38	29	25
Hakoah	9	6	7	30	27	24
Lions	8	8	6	23	24	24
George Cross	8	6	8	36	28	22
Wilhelmina	8	6	8	26	24	22
Pt. Melb. Slavia	7	5	10	33	31	19
Juventus	5	9	8	28	40	19
Melbourne	6	6	10	25	38	18
F'cray JUST	5	6	11	31	41	16
Alexander	5	6	11	28	43	16

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE Division I

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Box Hill	16	3	3	47	18	35
Dandenong	15	4	3	68	18	34
Makedonia	15	1	6	48	22	31
Springvale	14	1	7	41	28	29
El. Austria	11	5	6	36	23	27
St. Albans	7	7	8	32	28	21
Altona	8	5	9	30	29	21
Sunshine City	9	3	10	34	39	21
Ringwood Utd.	5	3	14	25	48	13
Triestina	5	2	15	33	49	12
M'land Thistle	3	5	14	18	63	11
B'wick Athena	3	3	16	23	62	9

Division II

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Keilor City	14	5	3	70	25	33
Coburg	14	3	5	56	28	31
Sandringham	13	3	6	44	22	29
Albion Rovers	11	4	7	42	29	26
Frankston City	12	2	8	53	45	26
Ferntree Gully	11	3	8	55	41	25
Richmond	11	1	11	46	53	22
Park Rangers	9	3	10	46	43	21
G. Gully Ajax	7	3	12	32	56	17
Waverley	6	4	12	42	56	16
Brighton	4	2	16	27	66	10
Univ. of Melb.	3	2	17	23	72	8

Division III

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yallourn	19	—	3	72	23	38
Prahran City	16	4	2	75	28	36
E.M. Helvetic	14	4	4	68	31	32
St. Kilda	10	4	8	52	46	24
Croydon	9	5	8	44	46	23
Hercules	9	2	11	49	57	20
Bayswater	6	6	10	43	50	18
Heidelberg	8	2	12	36	56	18
Chelsea	7	2	13	31	45	16
Glenroy Utd.	5	5	12	30	50	15
South Yarra	5	3	14	30	62	13
Essendon	4	3	15	26	62	11

Division IV

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ballarat	17	2	3	97	30	36
Clayton	15	2	5	61	34	32
Mooroobark U.A.	14	3	5	58	25	31
Corio	12	5	5	56	29	29
Newport	12	5	5	45	34	29
N.C. Olympic	10	5	7	53	38	25
Moorabbin	11	3	8	40	50	25
D'cast. Rovers	11	2	9	51	33	24
Monash Univ.	16	5	11	49	50	17
Mornington	3	2	17	18	74	8
Rosebud	2	1	19	18	99	5
Deer Park	1	1	20	31	81	3

MARMARAS OPPOSED

John van Hoboken will oppose Theo Marmaras for the post of president of the Victorian Soccer Federation at the annual meeting which is being held tonight (Thursday) at Olympia Rooms, Olympic Park.

Hoboken's nomination has come as a surprise and was a last minute entry.

He is founder member of Ringwood City-Wilhelmina and has held the position as president of the

club since its formation in 1953.

Marmaras, as president of South Melbourne Hellas, held the post as chairman of the VSF except for a short break since its inception.

Later, with the reshuffle and formation of the Board of Management, he succeeded the late Harry J. Dockerty as president of the VSF.

ADELAIDE NEWS

W. A. HELLAS SCORES EASY WIN

— From ALLAN CRISP —

SA premiers, West Adelaide Hellas scored a resounding 2-0 win over South Melbourne Hellas at Hanson Reserve last Saturday.

The local side took the Pantheon Cup and retained the \$1,000 prize money they had staked on the outcome.

A return fixture will be played in Melbourne early next year with the home side staking \$1,000 on their ability to turn the tables.

West Adelaide were clearly superior last week and should have won by a far greater margin.

South Melbourne began in menacing fashion and looked a class side for the first 10 minutes.

Thereafter, however, West Adelaide outplayed and outpaced the visitors to complete a well deserved win.

Adelaide's dominance was emphasised by the number of attacking sorties made by overlapping fullbacks, Nick Kefaloudis and John Irwin.

The home side were without Nick Pantelis, who had his six-match suspension increased to six months last week, but compensated by using Juventus star, John Perin as a guest player.

Perin played a fine, constructive, deep-lying centre-forward game, but the biggest destroyer was Billy Birch.

The former Crystal Palace striker was in dazzling form.

He scored a fantastic goal 30 seconds before half-time and created the opening for the second goal netted by Tony Batchelor.

Alex Zervas supported Birch in grand style and was unbelievably unlucky not to have scored at least three goals.

Zervas bewildered the South Melbourne defence with several penetrating runs which had the crowd roaring for more.

The locals rubbed salt into the Victorian team's wound five minutes before time when they played a

cat and mouse sequence of short passing during which they denied their opponents possession.

Melbourne were best served by Johnny Bedford, Andrew Roussis, Leo Damaniakos and Frank Micic.

S. A. COACH SLAMS PRESS

SA coach, Edmund Kreft, is bitterly disappointed with the manner in which the Perth press treated his young State team's 3-1 victory over WA.

The heavily slanted reports described WA's efforts as the worst produced by a State side.

"A team can only play as well as the opposition allows, so surely SA deserved more recognition," said Kreft.

"The boys trained really hard for this game and I was proud of them."

"I would rank their display as superior to that against Cardiff City," added Kreft.

One Perth report said, "In defence WA presented a picture of casual indifference."

As a grudging afterthought the report added, "SA effectively held the midfield with superb teamwork, immaculate passing and fine ball control."

Edmund Kreft hit the Adelaide headlines last week when he signed a contract to coach Beograd-Woodville for 12 months.

He has an option to coach for a further 12 months.

At his request, Kreft will be in charge of Beograd's junior colts, junior and reserve teams as well as the First Division side.

COOK'S GRAND TOUR OF CLUBS

George Cross have had several applications for the position of coach including one from Sydney since Mike de Bruyckere vacated the berth.

However, in a chat with the Cross secretary, Paul Borg last week I gained the impression that they are not in a desperate hurry to fill the vacancy as the club have their sights set on getting Ron McGarry from South Coast United as player-coach.

George Cross officials including Borg were in Sydney last weekend on a chase for McGarry.

Killing two birds with one stone, the Cross officials also sounded out Melita Eagles on the prospect of acquiring one of their top forwards.

How's this for a local record? Tony Gregal, the Melbourne wing-half who has been with the club for nearly six years, has never been ordered off or had his name taken during this period.

Tony joined Melbourne in 1962 after having played several seasons with St. Mirren in the Scottish First Division and before coming to Australia had two years with Second Division club Montrose.

Joe Abonyi, a wing-half and brother of the more famous "Ottie" who was with Melbourne for several years, then moved to Makedonia, is now back again with Melbourne.

Joe is a sportsgoods

salesman in Melbourne with London Stores.

Bobby McLachlan, the former APIA player who has been out of the game for almost two years after suffering two leg breaks with Croatia, is now back to peak fitness and could be on the move once the new transfer season opens.

Paul Deeming, the 18-year-old wing-half of South Melbourne Hellas is a name to remember for 1969.

Although this tall, well built Englishman, once on the books of Aston Villa and later non-league side Stevenage Town, only joined the club this year and played in less than half their first team games, there can be little doubt that with more experience he will make a real imprint on State League soccer.

It seems likely that Joe Keenan, ex-Hakoah, Croatia and Cumberland and George Cairns, ex-Makedonia, will be placed on the open-to-transfer list by George Cross.

Keenan, a left-winger, played with Yoker and East Stirling in Scotland, while Cairns, a centre-half, is a product of Edinburgh junior soccer.

Both have been under club suspension and missed out on the club's closing league games this season.

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SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

JOHN WARREN, now with Stockport in England, writes in a letter: "This Third Division team is better than anything we have in Australia. If they played NSW 10 times, they'd win nine of the matches."

The most PRICELESS happening on the Canterbury 1968 calendar occurred in under-7, Division 2. Canterbury and Belmore Police Boys met in the final, and scores were equal after the usual 20 minutes each way. The replay result was even, after the stipulated 20 minutes each way plus five minutes each way extra time. After the next replay, and the next, and the next, neither team had the advantage. At this stage the MC moved in, and for the first time, two teams, bless 'em, are bracketed as premiers in a Canterbury competition.

This is the end of the fly-whites; MANLY players will receive \$10 for a win next season in Second Division. This year in the First they were offered nothing.

Ex-Polonia star, GINTER GAWLIK and his family left Australia recently — but not for home. They will settle in West Germany.

The Australian COACHES FEDERATION will hold two courses soon: one in Perth in December and one in Tasmania in January.

The CABARET PRESENTATION of the Canterbury-

Marrickville Association will be held in the new million-dollar Marrickville RSL Club at Marrickville Station on Wednesday, November 13, at 8 p.m. Dancing, floor show, presentations and supper are all on the program. The big day for juniors will be the Annual Sports Day at Arlington Oval next Sunday, November 3. After events from 11 a.m., the march past starts at 1.30 p.m., followed by presentations, sprint finals and relays, with all clubs competing. Mustn't forget the AGM, set down for Monday, November 25, at the Masonic Hall, Hurlstone Park.

St. George's new coach, FERENC AROK, will arrive in Sydney soon. From the Mexico Olympics he had to return to Yugoslavia to tidy up his personal and business affairs. Apart from working as a coach, Arok is also the sporting editor of a daily newspaper.

ALAN BUSH, an architect by profession, is likely to be the new Manly president. Until now he has been the club's secretary.

The ANNUAL DINNER of the Sydney Metropolitan SFA will take place at 8.15 p.m. on Friday, November 8, at the

Western Suburbs Soccer Club, Bevin Street, Five Dock.

MARTIN TREASURE became St. George-Budapest Grand Final winner Third Grade team's "Player of the Year". The diminutive left winger received a trophy and a \$50 cheque at a special club presentation.

Holders of Junior Coaching Certificates are eligible to attend the forthcoming advanced coaching course. Applicants for the series can contact BILL VROLYKS, 9 Flinders Street, Matraville, 2036, or can telephone him on 661-4092 for details.

Work has started on the magnificent new training ground of St. George-Budapest at CARRS PARK. Apart from a full-sized soccer pitch, they will have indoor training facilities as well. Cost of the project: \$20,000.

WESTERN SUBURBS are absolutely determined to go places: last weekend they signed their fifth fulltime professional who is Australian national team goalkeeper Ross Kelly, from the Brisbane club Azzurri. Kelly's transfer fee was reportedly \$4,500.

Melita Eagles is expected to have a stormy AGM on Sunday. Widespread dissatisfaction among the members may produce some shock elections. Secretary E. Said will not stand and is likely to be succeeded by ex-secretary Nick Bonello. President Vince Pisani will be opposed by Vic Dougall.

A medal for valor — or silliness? APIA's giant JIM SAMBROOK has his left foot in plaster. He suffered a small fracture in the foot some three months ago — and knew it. Despite that, he finished the season, playing at stopper.

At least 30 supporters will travel with HAKOAH on their tour of New Caledonia next week.

Young Yugal forward, BILLY EDWARDS, is seriously thinking of spending a year with a club — in Yugoslavia.

APIA's outgoing president, EDDIE PROVERA, is not leaving without a splash: he is in hospital following a successful hernia operation.

Some 200 people attended a dinner given by the SUTHERLAND Shire SC last week. Among the guests were NSW Federal Executive member Frank Parsons and secretary Alden Brown.

AUBURN will hold its AGM on November 21 at the club premises. Even before that, the club hopes to sign at least three new players.

Despite a flood of rumors earlier, APIA have confirmed ADAUTO IGLESIAS in his coaching position.

Balgownie centre forward, HAROLD HUGHES, wants a transfer and may end up with the progressive Sutherland.

At the AGM of NORTH BANKSTOWN last week, John Tindall was elected president and Charles Struck secretary.

A report from the SOUTH COAST suggests that a big-name Hakoah player may join them soon. Could be that Graham Barnett returns to the fold?

National team coach, JOE VLASITS, has been in demand since leaving Melita Eagles. The re-forming Canterbury District club is interested in his services — and so is one of our large ethnic clubs.

Sutherland's AGM will be held on November 12 at MIRANDA. Applications for the advertised position for coach will close this week.

Semifinals of the "FOOT-TENNIS" at the St. George-Budapest club will be played next Monday evening. The draw: Venglos-Scheinflug v. Schaefer-Stegbauer; Zuckerman-Schauman v. Clarke-Hardy. Last Monday the Venglos team beat Holmes-Desanti while the Schaefer tandem defeated Wesely-Onkon.

WITH THE AMATEURS

The old Berries will rise again

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Association president Reg Grey rates 1968 as the year in which Canterbury started its march back to the top in junior football.

Back went the Berries into representative football, with the under-16s and 14s playing in the District Representative League.

Col Rae took over the under-16s, and did a first rate coaching job with the lads he had available.

In the "champion of champions" competitions, Earlwood won the A grade, and Belmore the under-14s.

Belmore club had 29 competition teams, and Earlwood was the champion club of the 22 in the district.

Tom Sanders took over the administration following the death of Bill Brackenbury, and was responsible for a wonderful effort, aided by a team which includes many new faces as well as some of Sydney's most experienced junior workers.

The Association raised a magnificent \$3,000 for the Brackenbury Testimonial, which has been passed on to Mrs. Brackenbury.

After years of seemingly unrewarding labor, district officials are confident that the Canterbury and District Soccer Club Ltd. is really about to swing into action.

The club has a lease of Little Tasker Park from Canterbury Council, right by Canterbury Olympic Pool.

The first major project is likely to be the building of a brick clubhouse which will serve as the Canterbury Soccer Coaching Academy.

Club president Tom Grimson and secretary Jim Bellwood and their directors are convinced that development of district juniors is number one priority.

Bellwood was secretary of Canterbury-Marrickville in its hey-day, the years when Canterbury proved what local boys could do.

This was the school that Johnny Warren, Brian

Smith and the others came through.

This time Grimson says the job will be done for keeps, and when the scheme gets under way, Canterbury will employ the best coaches available on a full-time professional basis to bring about better results still.

He feels that the real coach is the one who produces the juniors, and believes that it will be necessary to extend skilled coaching to the 12 and 13 year olds.

The Club will foster the under-14, 15 and 16 District Representative teams.

Membership of the club is primarily drawn from the junior clubs of the area, and there lies the hope of the future.

Results in various grades for premiership, K.O. and 11-a-side in that order were:

A1: Earlwood, Canterbury, (no 11-a-side).

A Reserve: Hurlstone Park B, no K.O., Hurlstone Park A.

A2: Canterbury, Earlwood, Lakemba.

A3: Morton Wanderers, Punchbowl, Morton Wanderers.

18s: Earlwood (all competitions).

16 1s: Lakemba (all competitions).

16 2s: Lakemba, Belmore P.B., Enfield.

14 1s: Belmore, Earlwood, Belmore.

14 2s: Lakemba, Lakemba 14 3, Lakemba.

14 3s: Lakemba B. Marrickville, Earlwood.

14 4s: Belmore P.B. 'C', Punchbowl, Belmore P.B. 'C'.

12 1s: Earlwood (all competitions).

12 2s: Canterbury, Lakemba 12 3s, Punchbowl.

12 3s: Lakemba, Belmore P.B., Lakemba.

12 4s: Belmore P.B. 'C', Lakemba, Belmore P.B. 'C'.

12 5s: Belmore P.B. 'D', Earlwood, Earlwood.

Second Division reviewed

North Bankstown's modest progress

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

North Bankstown, the surprise packet of the competition last year, did not make any further headway this past season and finished up in the same position.

The impressive displays of their debut in Second Division last year were missing from the team's performances in 1968.

However, they managed to stay put and hold their own against the slightly tougher opposition.

A purely amateur club, Norths relied completely on their local youth despite the fact that during the season, due to injuries, they leaned heavily on semi-retired, experienced players who may have helped the bleeding-in of inexperienced newcomers.

On many occasions, this was done through sheer necessity rather than choice as the club had its worst season on record with injuries, requiring the use of 20 players in the first team.

The team gained 16 points this year from seven wins and two draws and scored 47 goals — 10 in one match — and conceded 56.

The previous season it won 17 points, scoring 30 and giving away 37.

North Bankstown have a

wonderful record with their juniors and the patience and encouragement with them has brought good harvest to the club.

Their under-10 side won the coveted Raynors Cup, after being beaten in the final last year, among a record entry of 105 teams from all over the Metropolitan area.

Their under-17 side of 1967 made up the third grade team in 1968, finishing in fifth position with all the youngsters having at least one game in second grade while two of them had a game in the first.

Through their junior ranks, Norths are trying to get depth down through the three grades, but with limited finance, the road to success is an uphill one.

Only one man played in all the matches during 1968 in first grade, captain Malcolm Duncan who finished up with 131 first grade games since Norths joined the Federation in 1963.

Leading goal scorers in this team were R. Mula

with 16 goals and R. Hughes with 13.

The club is still hoping to acquire two good forwards for next season but with the scarcity of this commodity in Sydney soccer, the prospects of this happening appear very remote.

Further improvements have been made to the club's ground — George Green Oval — and the club now has a new scoreboard.

Towards the end of the season Bankstown Council provided a "kicking" wall which would be put to good use next season.

It is hoped that further improvements will be made to the playing surface of the field.

A new committee has been elected at last week's annual general meeting, essentially more or less the same as it has been for a few years.

In preparation for next season, coaching is being conducted at the present for a group of 15 and 16-year-old boys who will form the club's third grade side.



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